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REMARKS

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CB - Converted Boxcar
 B - Boxcar
 F - Flatcar
 SSy - Heavy-Duty Flatcar

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1. the following troop trains were dispatched from
 Netzeband to Neustrelitz on 30 September and 1 October 1953:

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Date	Composition of Troop Trains
30 September	5 B, 1 F, 1 SSy
	5 B, 1 F, 15 SSy
	5 B, 1 F, 10 SSy
	5 B, 1 F, 10 SSy
1 October	5 B, 1 F, 12 SSy
	4 B, 2 F, 15 SSy
	5 B, 1 F, 12 SSy
	5 B, 1 F, 11 SSy
	3 B, 1 F, 13 SSy
	3 B, 1 F, 13 SSy
	3 B, 1 F, 12 SSy
	3 B, 1 F, 14 SSy

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2. On 7 October, a troop train of 26 boxcars and 12 flatcars,
 was loaded at Neubukow.²

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3. The following troop trains going to the Schwerin railroad district passed through Wittenberge on 3 and 4 October:

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Date in October	Composition of Troop Trains	From
3	11 B, 44 F with AA guns and vehicles	Tangerhuette
4	4 B, 44 F with 28 rocket launchers	Mahlwinkel
	12 B, 32 F with artillery pieces and trucks	Mahlwinkel
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4. [redacted] on 7 October, 120 converted boxcars were to be made available at Wismar. The same number of cars was to be assembled at Guestrow on 7 and 8 October.⁴

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5. Troop trains to Brandenburg passing through the Pritzerbe railroad station on 6 and 7 October included: a train of 28 boxcars and 23 flatcars, [redacted] with soldiers, equipment, and 28 trucks, [redacted]

[redacted] from Tangerhuette on 6 October; and another train of 7 boxcars and 12 R4ym-type flatcars with soldiers, equipment, and 16 T-34 tanks, [redacted] from Haldensleben on 7 October.⁵

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6. Troop trains [redacted] on 11 October included: a train of 6 converted boxcars, 26 boxcars and 6 flatcars, [redacted] from Altengrabow to Wildpark;⁶ and another train of 11 boxcars and 29 flatcars, [redacted] from Zeitz to Wuensdorf.⁷

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7. [redacted] the following railroad cars were to be made available between 12 and 14 October:

Date in October	Number of Cars	Assembling Station
12	2 CB, 6 B, 9 F	Fuerstenwalde
	10 B	Frankfurt/Oder
	22 B	Muellrose
	23 B	Satzkorn
	7 B	Fuerstenwalde

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12	6 B	Niemegk	
	8 B	Bernau	
	3 CB, 3 SSy	Kirchmoeser	
	1 B, 11 F	Werder	
13	6 B	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	
	16 B	Muellrose	
	15 B, 1 SSy	Frankfurt/Oder	
	4 F	Fuerstenwalde	
	1 CB, 3 SSy	Kirchmoeser	
14	9 B	Bernau	
	17 B	Satzkorn	
	3 CB, 17 B transitworthy	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	8
	28 B	Muellrose	

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8. [] the following converted boxcars were to be made available on 9, 10 and 11 October:

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Date in October	Number of Cars	Assembling Station	
9 and 10	28 CB	Berlin-Magerviehhof	8
	8 CB	Wildpark	[]
10 and 11	45 CB	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	8
	10 CB	Pankow	8
	28 CB	Rathenow	8

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9. On 18 and 25 October, 46 converted boxcars, 10 kitchen cars and several boxes each were to be made available at still undetermined railroad stations.⁸

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1. Comment. Except for the troop train [] all other trains [] Thus, between 30 September and 2 October 1953, a total of 28 troop trains carried the bulk of the 9th Gds Tank Div and elements of the 2nd Light Arty Brig from Netzeband, Neuruppin and Altruppin back to their home stations.

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2. Comment. [] the troop train with [] carried elements of the 497th AAA Regt [] to Rudolstadt. []

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3. Comment. The troop trains carried units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps which returned to their home stations after termination of the final field exercises of the Third Shock Army. A total of 23 trains was previously observed with this movement. Comment. Most of the troop trains in the present report are reported for the first time. These trains included, the movement of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps possibly totals about 26 trains, a figure which would correspond with the number of trains used for transportation to the above maneuvers between 24 and 27 September 1953. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
4. Comment. It is assumed that the converted boxcars probably had already been scheduled for transportation of personnel. See also Comment 8. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
5. Comment. The two troop trains hauled components of the 10th Gds Tank Div back to their home stations. The troop train on 7 October 1953 Comment. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
6. Comment. The troop train probably carried a component of the 34th Arty Div Comment which returned to its home station after termination of summer training at the Altengrabow troop training grounds. Unloadings at the Wildpark railroad station, however, were observed only after 13 October 1953. 50X1-HUM
7. Comment. On 4 October 1953, troop trains from Wuensdorf included a train Comment to Weimar, and another train Comment to Ohrdruf. The trains probably carried signal units of the GDFG which were to be employed in the unloading areas in conjunction with the field exercises of the Eighth Gds Army. As the field exercises were not yet completed on 11 October 1953, it appears improbable that the units should have returned to Wuensdorf as early as 11 October. Thus, the troop train to Wuensdorf on 11 October 1953 probably carried another unit. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
8. Comment. These assemblings of railroad cars are indicative of the expected exchange movement of personnel. Comment. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

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